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THE OLD COUNTRY REVISITED... A JOURNEY HOME

By Patrizia Cinquini Cerruti

"There is no place more beautiful. The Creator made Italy from designs by Michaelangelo." – Mark Twain

I often tell travelers that even if Italy were not the cradle of the Renaissance and Christianity and the center for art, culture, incredible cuisine and wine, history, design and so much more, she would still be an incredible, "must see" destination for her breathtaking natural beauty. But, for Italian-Americans, Italy is more than a destination. Italy provides the connection to their past where they can trace their family trees. Italy gives Italian- Americans the authentic experience that many feel has been lost in the assimilation process, and can provide the gift of understanding where they came from.

Returning from a trip to Italy, an Italian-American man asked his grandfather, "Nonno, how could you leave a country that is so beautiful?" The grandfather answered without hesitation, "You saw it with your belly full."

The early immigrants often never returned to Italy because they understood there was little future for them there. The second generation worked hard to assimilate and to become American, so it is generally the third or fourth generation Italian-American who travels to Italy in search of family roots. In recent decades, genealogy has exploded among Americans, and in Italy at one family gathering it is often possible to fill in the entire family tree.

A recent Harris Poll named Italy the number one destination in the world for Americans, but for Italian-Americans the journey can also be one of self discovery. Many studies document the importance of ethnicity in the development of identity. A third generation Italian-American man told me that he never felt like he fit into American culture. Neither his looks nor his conduct was typically American. He felt like an outsider in his home country. As an adult, he traveled to his ancestral village in Southern Italy. He arrived late at night and was taken, in the dark, to the home of his great-grandfather. In the morning when he awoke, he opened the shutters and looked out over the village. He was stunned to see that there were small retaining walls everywhere. He had built similar retaining walls since he was a young boy never understanding his compulsion to do so. During his stay in the village he learned that all generations of his family had built retaining walls. That day he walked in the village and saw many faces like his. This visit to his ancestral village was one of the most important events of his life. It gave him self understanding and self acceptance.

How fortunate that the place of our Italian American roots is also the top destination for art, culture cuisine, history, fashion, beautiful coastline and beaches, mountains, and priceless ancient monuments. Italy has more UNESCO world heritage sites than any other county.

There was little opportunity in Italy during the diaspora, the large scale migration of Italians away from Italy, but today Italy is a modern, wealthy country which attracts immigrants from around the world. Amidst its antiquity and priceless monuments, Italy is a modern country, and a world leader not only in fashion and design, but in technology. Italy is number three, behind only the USA and Russia in Space Technology, and is the first country to send a woman to the International Space Station, and the first country to design an espresso machine to serve the International Space Station!

While modern Italy is not the same country the early immigrant left behind, it is here that the Italian American can connect with the homeland of his ancestors. For the Italian American visiting Italy first hand is bringing the immigration story full circle.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR A SPECIAL TRAVEL TALK ON ITALY!

VISITING ITALY with Patrizia Cinquini Cerruti

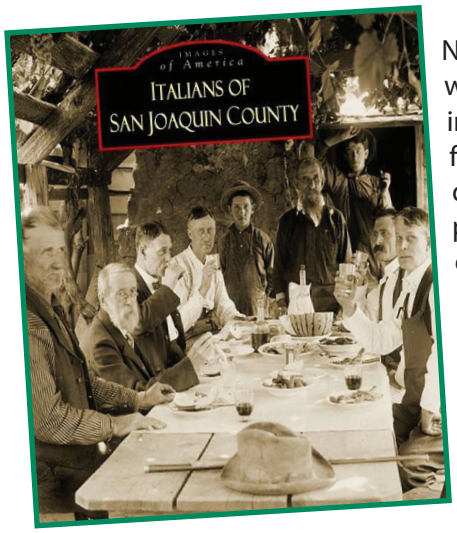
Sunday, April 19 at 2:00 pm • Admission $10 • At the Italian Center, Carmichael

ITALIAN-AMERICAN EXPERIENCE: MEET THE AUTHOR

ITALIANS OF SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

Sunday, April 12 • 2:00 pm • Admission $10

@ The Italian Center, 6821 Fair Oaks Blvd., Carmichael



Italians were among the first European settlers in California with fishermen from Northern Italy arriving in the 1830's. The Italian experience in The San Joaquin Valley begins with the discovery of gold in 1848. By 1860, the largest number of Italian immigrants lived in California. Italian immigrants to Stockton and the San Joaquin Valley were predominately from Liguria and Tuscany and they and their descendants have had a profound influence in developing the area's cultural, agricultural and business climate. Nowhere was the Italian presence felt more strongly than in the agriculture and wine industries. By 1902 they had established the Italian Gardeners Society now celebrating its 113th year. Today much of the food in the United States is produced in the San Joaquin Valley and the Italians are at the forefront of California Agribusiness success. The industry and legacy of these Italians has been captured by author Ralph Clark and the Pacific Italian Alliance in the book, ***ITALIANS OF SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY***, with more than 200 vintage photos. Join us at the Italian Center in Carmichael for an informative presentation of this photographic history by the author. The book will be available for purchase and signing after the presentation.
REFRESHMENTS INCLUDED.

TRAVEL TALK WITH PATRIZIA CINQUINI CERRUTI

VISITING ITALY

Sunday, April 19 • 2:00 pm • Admission $10

@ The Italian Center, Carmichael

Join the Italian Cultural Society's Travel Director, Patrizia Cinquini Cerruti, for this special seminar designed to give travelers to Italy strategies and practical ideas to make an Italian dream vacation a reality. Patrizia is a classroom instructor who has taught Italian Language and Vacation Planning for over 25 years. She is a professional travel consultant who plans and escorts tours to all regions in Italy, and has made over 100 return trips to her native country. She is the author of several travel books and articles including the popular textbook, ***"Buon Viaggio! A Travelers Guide to Italian Language and Culture"*** (©2000). In 2005 she was knighted by the Italian Government for her contributions to Italian culture and language and travel.

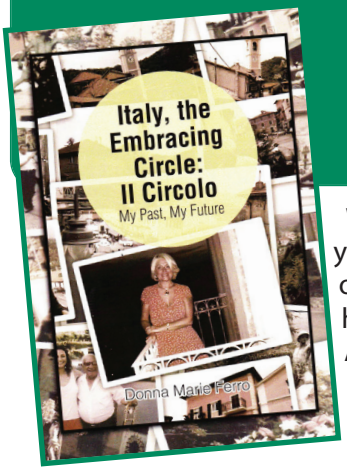
Patrizia currently divides her time between her native city of Lucca, Tuscany and Sacramento, California. In addition to tips and information she'll share her collection of slides and will take you on a virtual tour of Italy's most beautiful regions! ***REFRESHMENTS INCLUDED.***

MEET THE AUTHOR:

ITALY, THE EMBRACING CIRCLE

Sunday, April 26 • 2:00 pm • Admission $10

@ The Italian Center, Carmichael



When Oakland resident Donna Marie Ferro made her first trip to Italy in 1971 she did not realize that 40 years later she would write a book about her travels to her ancestral homeland, and the rediscovering of her Ligurian family and roots. The granddaughter of immigrants from Liguria, Ferro was inspired by her Genovese grandparents' stories of coming to America and sought to understand the people of Apicella, Liguria and her own identity as a grandchild of immigrants. Her book, ***ITALY, THE EMBRACING CIRCLE; IL CIRCOLO, MY PAST, MY FUTURE*** is a story of self discovery and connecting to family on both sides of the Atlantic. Join us for an entertaining tale of Donna's adventures in Italy. Her book will be available for purchase and signing after the presentation. ***REFRESHMENTS INCLUDED.***

LECTURE: FLORENCE'S UFFIZI GALLERY

Sunday, May 17 • 2:00 pm • Admission $10

@ The Italian Center, Carmichael

Italy is home to a vast quantity of the world's cultural and art treasures. And Florence, the center of Medieval and Renaissance civilization, contains the most famous art museum in the world, the Uffizi Gallery. The Uffizi was built for art in the 1500's. It is a treasure house of masterpieces from the art collections of its Medici Rulers, and home to the largest collection of Tuscan Renaissance art. Every year thousands of people visit the Gallery and view masterpieces such as Botticelli's "The Birth Of Venus," as well as works by Michelangelo, Raffaello, and Leonardo da Vinci.

The "Tribune" (La Tribuna) is the original heart of the Uffizi and was commissioned by the Grand Duke of Tuscany to contain the most precious works of art from the Medici collection. The Tribune, an octagonal room, was designed as a treasure chest to amaze its visitors and is a must see for any art lovers visiting Florence.

Lorella Silvestri was born in Tuscany and lived in Florence for 20 years where she attended the University of Florence specializing in art history. Join us as Lorella explains the history and significance of the Uffizi and its art. ***REFRESHMENTS INCLUDED.***

FILM: DEAN MARTIN, "*THE ONE AND ONLY*"

Sunday, May 24 • 2:00 pm • Admission $10

@ The Italian Center, Carmichael

Join us for this fascinating film portrait of one of the world's most admired entertainers. This film is a moving tribute to a beloved American icon, Dean Martin, born Dino Crocetti to an immigrant Italian father from Abruzzo. Few entertainers have acomplished so much in the fields of recording, live performances, television and movies as did Dino. His song *Thats's Amore*, crooned in his warm romantic style remains one of America's most played tunes. In the summer of 1964, Martin's *Everybody Loves Somebody* overtook the Beatles #1 spot on the charts. *"The One and Only"* features superb footage and photos of Dino throughout his life and career as well as rare interviews. This engaging program is a treasure that every Dean Martin fan will enjoy. ***REFRESHMENTS INCLUDED.***

SAVE THE DATE! DISCOVER ITALY AT THE

30TH ANNUAL FESTA ITALIANA!

Saturday & Sunday, August 1 and 2, 2015

The Italian-American community will gather together for two days of food, fun and entertainment for the entire family at Sacramento's Super Italian Festival - the 30th Annual Festa Italiana! This year's **FESTA ITALIANA** will be held at the Croatian Center at 3730 Auburn Blvd in Sacramento where the Italian Cultural Society will share our Italian culture with our entire community. Don't miss the Italian folk dancers in regional costumes, Italian bands and entertainers, indoor and outdoor marketplace shopping, bocce ball, classic Italian Cars, children's games and rides, mouth-watering Italian food specialities, wine, beer and much more! Visit the **FESTA ITALIANA website (www.festaitalianasacramento.com) for exciting updates.**

Festa Italiana!
Sacramento's Super Italian Festival

FESTA vendors are welcome and applications are being accepted now. If you would like information about becoming a vendor at our FESTA MARKETPLACE please contact Gina Nelson by email at gina.maria.nelson@gmail.com.

RECEIVE *ALTRE VOCI NEWSLETTER* ONLINE

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SIMPLY SEND AN EMAIL TO: italy2@surewest.net WITH YOUR FIRST AND LAST NAME. Be sure to add the Italian Cultural Society to your address book so your provider doesn't send us to spam. If you're signed up and not receiving emails from us, check your spam folder and be sure to add us to your address book. *GRAZIE!*

LEARN ITALIAN WITH US!

Classes Offered at Both Carmichael and Sacramento Campuses!

Two hundred and fifty million people in the world speak Italian; called "la dolce lingua" (the sweet language). This is significant, considering Italy does not share the colonial history of languages like English, French and Spanish have. Now is the time to learn the beautiful language of music, food, culture, fashion, art and amore! The Italian Language School can teach you to speak Italian, or improve your Italian with instructors who know that the most effective learning takes place in a dynamic and friendly environment.

We have taught Italian for over 33 years and use a proven curriculum to teach students how to speak and understand Italian in a fun, no-stress atmosphere. Our approach gives students a real understanding of Italian culture, customs, food and people, and emphasizes the pleasure and beauty of Italian language and culture. In addition to the satisfactions of learning Italian, the classes offer a fun experience and the opportunity to meet people who share similar goals and interests. We also offer free tutoring and practice sessions to our students.

Classes are taught at both the Italian Center in Carmichael and the Sierra 2 Community Center in Sacramento. Tuition is $195 for a 9 week quarter, and students enrolling in two or more classes in a single quarter receive a fifty percent discount on additional classes. New and used books may be purchased at the first class meeting or online.

For your convenience, registration fees may be paid online with a PayPal account or credit card, or by check at the first class meeting. Call: 916 ITALY-00 (482-5900) or visit www.italiancenter.net and Learn Italian Now!

SPRING 2015 ITALIAN LANGUAGE CLASSES

ITALIANO UNO (One):

The perfect introductory class for those with very little or no knowledge of Italian.

Eve Section 1: **30 March to 1 June**
MONDAYS, 7:00 to 9:00pm
(Carmichael Italian Center) Inst: Jelena

Day Section 1: **31 March to 26 May**
TUESDAYS, 12:30 to 2:30pm
(Sacramento Sierra 2) Inst: Myriam

ITALIANO DUE (Two):

Expand vocabulary and learn conversational verbs.

Day Section 1: **31 March to 26 May**
TUESDAYS, 10:00am to 12:00pm
(Carmichael Italian Center) Inst: Lucia

Day Section 2: **2 April to 28 May**
THURSDAYS, 10:00am to 12:00pm
(Sacramento Sierra 2) Inst: Lorella

Eve Section 1: **31 March to 26 May**
TUESDAYS, 7:00 to 9:00pm
(Carmichael Italian Center) Inst: Jelena

Eve Section 2: **2 April to 28 May**
THURSDAYS, 7:00 to 9:00pm
(Sacramento Sierra 2) Inst: Nancy

ITALIANO TRE (Three):

The focus is on conversation with grammar reinforcement.

Eve Section 1: **31 March to 26 May**
TUESDAYS, 7:00 to 9:00pm
(Carmichael Italian Center) Inst: Antonella

Eve Section 2: **1 April to 27 May**
WEDNESDAYS, 7:00 to 9:00pm
(Sacramento Sierra 2) Inst: Myriam

ITALIANO QUATTRO (Four):

Continue to increase vocabulary/enhance conversation.

Day Section 1: **30 March to 1 June**
MONDAYS, 10:00am to 12:00pm
(Sacramento Sierra 2) Inst: Myriam

ITALIANO CINQUE (Five):

Continue to focus on conversation and language.

Eve Section 1: **30 March to 1 June**
MONDAYS, 7:00 to 9:00pm
(Sacramento Sierra 2) Inst: Antonella

ITALIANO CINQUE-SEI (Five-Six):

Focus on conversation with readings / discussions.

Day Section 1: **31 March to 26 May**
TUESDAYS, 10:00a to 12:00pm
(Sacramento Sierra 2) Inst: Myriam

Day Section 2: **1 April to 27 May**
WEDNESDAYS, 10:00am to 12:00pm
(Carmichael Italian Center) Inst: Lucia

ITALIANO SETTE-OTTO (Seven-Eight):

Focus on conversation with readings / discussions.

Day Section 1: **2 April to 28 May**
THURSDAYS, 10:00am to 12:00pm
(Carmichael Italian Center) Inst: Lucia

ITALIANO NOVE (Nine)

Continue to focus on advanced readings, conversation and grammar.

Eve Section 1: **31 March to 26 May**
TUESDAYS, 7:00 to 9:00pm
(Sacramento Sierra 2) Inst: Nancy

ITALIANO DIECI (Ten):

Advanced readings, conversation and grammar

Day Section 1: **1 April to 27 May**
WEDNESDAYS, 10:00am to 12:00pm
(Carmichael Italian Center) Inst: Antonella

CORSO AVANZATO (Advanced):

Class taught completely in Italian with multimedia resources to greatly improve comprehension/ conversation skills.

Day Section 1: **1 April to 27 May**
WEDNESDAYS, 10:00am to 12:00pm
(Sacramento Sierra 2) Inst: Myriam

Eve Section 1: **31 March to 26 May**
TUESDAYS, 5:00 to 7:00pm
(Sacramento Sierra 2) Inst: Nancy

Eve Section 2: **1 April to 27 May**
WEDNESDAYS, 7:00 to 9:00pm
(Carmichael Italian Center) Inst: Jelena

CORSO SUPERIORE (Advanced Grammar, Reading & Conversation):

Taught completely in Italian, fine tune skills using literature, conversation, film and other media to enhance learning for most advanced students.

Day Section 1: **30 March to 1 June**
MONDAYS, 12:30 to 2:30 pm
(Sacramento Sierra 2) Inst: Nancy

Italian 1-10 Use Text Book
Prego! An Invitation to Italian, 7th Edition

Free tutoring will be available for our students after the quarter begins.

ITALIAN FOR TRAVELERS

"IN THE HEART OF EVERY MAN, WHEREVER HE IS BORN…THERE IS ONE SMALL CORNER WHICH IS ITALIAN." - Luigi Barzini

DON'T LEAVE HOME WITHOUT TAKING THIS CLASS!

SPRING:	**@ Italian Center, Carmichael • Wednesdays 1 April to 29 April • 7:00 - 9:00 pm** **@ Sacramento Sierra 2 Center • Thursdays 2 April to 30 April • 5:00 - 7:00 pm**
SUMMER:	**@ Italian Center, Carmichael • Tuesdays 21 July to 18 August • 6:30 - 8:30 pm** **@ Sacramento Sierra 2 Center • Wednesdays 22 July to 19 August • 6:30 - 8:30 pm**

Are you planning a trip to Italy? Our Italian for Travelers class prepares you to experience the best the world has to offer: art, history, food, wine, music, culture and spectacular beauty all await the traveler to Italy. This course will make your trip to Italy much more enjoyable! Students learn basic conversation skills, useful vocabulary and key phrases and begin using Italian at the first lesson. The focus is on Italian culture and customs, valuable travel tips and practical information which will prepare you to confidently visit and enjoy the Italian Peninsula. Students return from Italy praising the usefulness of the course.

"I've just returned from a three week trip in Italy. Thanks to all of your excellent teaching and valuable tips our trip was a complete success. We felt comfortable in bars, restaurants, and train stations knowing how the systems work. We enjoyed meeting the Italian people and talking with them in their own language. ... Our whole experience was deeper and richer because of what I learned from you." – Chris B.

Register now at www.italiancenter.net. **Instructor:** ***Patrizia Cinquini Cerruti***, Course Textbook: *'BUON VIAGGIO! A TRAVELER'S GUIDE TO ITALIAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE'* ***Tuition is $125; Book is $30 and may be purchased at the first class meeting.***

"CIAO ITALIA" CHILDREN'S LANGUAGE PROGRAMS

"CIAO" CLASSES JUST FOR KIDS AGES 2-12!

Ciao Classes and Camps are held at the Italian Center, Carmichael

Pre-School (Ages 2 - 5)	**"Ciao Piccoli": Mondays, 6 April to 1 June • 10:00 - 11:30 am** *(Insegnanti: Lucia & Jelena)*
Language Class (Ages 6 - 12)	**"Ciao Italia": Saturdays, 11 April to 6 June • 10:30 am - 12:00 pm** *(Insegnanti: Lucia & Lorella)*

Ciao Piccoli is a program for pre-school age children all their own. Studies document the advantages of introducing a second language as soon as possible in a child's life. Our pre-school classes are offered year-round with small teacher to student ratio for personalized learning. Make sure to give your child the opportunity to learn Italian in this fun, interactive setting!

Ciao Italia for 'big kids' engages older children in a way that makes learning fun. Experts believe that Italian is the easiest language for children to learn. In addition to learning the Italian language, our program includes Italian culture and encourages children to learn naturally through play, games, songs, food, and art.

Secure a space for your child now at www.italiancenter.net. Course is only $125 per child and includes materials. For further questions please call (916) 482-5900, or email: italy@italiancenter.net

"CIAO ITALIA" SUMMER CAMPS

Children ages 3 to 10 will love our weekly Italian-themed summer camps at the Italian Center in Carmichael. With a different focus each week, these immersion camps are a wonderful, unique and fun summer experience your child will cherish! Each camp is one week long, from 9:00am to 12:00pm daily (Monday to Friday). Camp Fee is $150 per week per child - sign up for one week, two weeks, or all three! **Secure space(s) for your child's summer adventure today and register online at www.italiancenter.net**. ***For further questions please call (916) 482-5900, or email: italy@italiancenter.net***

WEEK ONE: 8 - 12 June	**"IL CIBO: COOKING AND FOOD"** Children will enjoy a week of indoor and outdoor fun learning the Italian language of food, cooking, and picnics! *($150 per child per week / Insegnanti: Lucia & Lorella)*
WEEK TWO: 15 - 19 June	**"IL PASSAPORTO PER L'ITALIA: PASSPORT TO ITALY"** Children will 'visit' Italy's beautiful cities through film, art, food, activities and more. *($150 per child per week / Insegnanti: Lucia & Lorella)*
WEEK THREE: 22 - 26 June	**"L'ARTE E GLI ARTISTI: ART AND ARTISTS"** Children enjoy learning Italian through hands-on arts and crafts, and creating their own masterpieces. *($150 per child per week / Insegnanti: Lucia & Lorella)*

SEE ITALY With Those Who Know It Best!

ITALY GRAND TOUR: Tuscany, Cinque Terre and Rome

12 Days; 21 June - 2 July, 2015 • $2,599 *per person

When travelers rave about this Italian Cultural Society tour we reply, ***"We don't call this the Grand Tour for nothing!"*** The Grand Tour visits the heart and soul of Italy, and highlights romantic Tuscany, the capital city of Rome, and the magical Cinque Terre. An optional tour of Venice is also offered. In Tuscany, travelers enjoy a home base four star villa hotel visiting Flor¬ence, Siena, Lucca, the Chianti Wine Region, Pisa, Viareggio, Volterra, San Gimignano and the Cinque Terre. Then transfer to Rome and enjoy fully guided visits to Vatican City and St. Peter's, the Vatican Museums and the Sistine Chapel, the Spanish Steps, the Pantheon, the Colosseum, the Trevi Fountain and many other piazzas and sights.

The tour price is per person double occupancy and includes all 4 star accommodations, all breakfasts and all dinners in Tuscany, welcome cocktail party, wine and olive oil tasting and hot buffet breakfasts in Rome, fully escorted sightseeing tours and excursions, museum admissions, pre-departure presentation and orientation luncheon and much more! Travelers may arrange their own airfare. Group airfare on Lufthansa Airline, from San Francisco to Florence returning from Rome to San Francisco is available for $1,867 including taxes and fuel charges.

ITALY THE BEAUTIFUL TOUR: Italian Riviera, Lake District & Venice

11 Days: 1 - 11 September, 2015 • $3,699 *per person

Discover the incredible beauty of the Italian Riviera, the elegance of the Italian Lake Region, the sophistication of Milan, and the Romance of Verona and Venice with this exclusive Italian Cultural Society tour. September is considered the best time to visit this area, and every day of our Italy the Beautiful Tour brings new discoveries and the finest natural beauty, architecture, culture, gastronomic delights, and Italian art and history. Visit the hometown of Christopher Colombus - Genova, and the magnificent Riviera cities of Portofino, Santa Margherita Ligure, Rapallo, and the Cinque Terre. Explore Lago di Como and Lago di Garda with sightseeing cruises, majestic villas and spectacular scenery. Discover Milian which was the top city selected by The New York Times Travel for the best 52 cities to visit in 2015! Milan is the most famous fashion city in the world and home of the world's first shopping mall: La Galleria. Visit enchanting Verona; the city of Juliette (of Romeo and Juliette), and the home of the famous Arena, a Colosseum-like structure which is still used today for operas and performances. Journey to the "Queen of the Adriatic." Venice is an enigma whose unique location and stunning beauty is unparalleled, and cannot be imitated. Glide along the Grand Canal, visit St. Mark's Square and the Doge's Palace, walk across the Bridge of Sighs and the Rialto Bridge. See the ancient Venetian art of glass blowing and experience this city up close. Learn how Italy's most famous cheese, Parmigiano, is made, and have the opportunity to taste it. Visit great cellars where Amarone wine is made. Visit the Ferrari Museum to experience the beauty of the world's premier automobile. These are just a few of the experiences you will have on this once in a life time tour. Group airfare on Lufthansa Airline, from San Francisco to Genova returning from Verona to San Francisco is available for $1,667.39 including taxes and fuel.

THANKSGIVING IN TUSCANY

9 Days: 20 - 28 November, 2015 • $2,199 *per person

This Thanksgiving enjoy a sumptuous Italian feast along with the turkey and all your Italian favorites! There is much to be thankful for on the Italian Cultural Society 9 day tour of Tuscany which allows travelers to unpack only once and stay in a lovely four star villa hotel. Travel in the comfort of a private motor coach for fully escorted visits of Lucca, Florence, Siena, the Chianti Wine Region, Vinci, Pisa, Volterra, and San Gimignano. In the hamlet of Vinci, visit the Leonardo Museum and Leonardo's house and experience the genius of this Renaissance master. You will be guests at a working olive oil estate and enjoy a wonderful homemade Italian country lunch with the estate's own wine and witness the making of world famous extra virgin olive oil. Tour price of $2,199 includes all accommodations at our 4 star villa hotel, all breakfasts and all dinners, special lunch on olive oil estate, fully escorted sightseeing tours, excursions and admissions, private motor coach, pre-departure presentation and orientation luncheon and much more! Group airfare on Lufthansa Airline, to and from San Francisco is available for $1,413 including taxes and fuel charges.

Tours are hosted and escorted by Tuscany native Patrizia Cinquini Cerruti, and by licensed English speaking local guides. The Italian Cultural Society will arrange an optional shuttle van service from Sacramento to the San Francisco Airport and back if there is interest. Prices are based on double occupancy and do not include airfare. ***Please visit wwwitaliancenter.net for complete brochures or call (916) 482-5900 or e-mail italy@italiancenter.net.*** ***Buon Viaggio!***

ANNUAL ITALIAN CENTER FUND DRIVE
Your Support is Vital to Keeping Our Heritage Alive

The Italian Cultural Society was established in 1981 and for over 33 years the Society has operated the Italian Cultural Center and offered a unique variety of cultural and educational programs to preserve and to promote our Italian heritage.

In 2007, the Society built the new Italian Center of Northern California to house and expand the cultural programming it offers to the Italian community and the general public. The Italian Center is a beautiful gathering place and the Center of Italian life in the region where we can enjoy and celebrate our culture and heritage. It is also an important cultural institution which unites supporters of our Italian community across northern California.

The operation of the Italian Center depends on support from people like you who care about our Italian heritage and support the good work of the Society. Your gift is an investment in the future of the Italian Center and will help us maintain The Center and our Italian Heritage for future generations.

Special Offer! Make Your Donation Today

Make A Donation Of $100 Or More And Be Entered Into a Drawing To WIN 2 TICKETS TO THE ANDREA BOCELLI CONCERT IN SACRAMENTO ON JUNE 10!

- **You can make a donation to the Italian Center Fund by completing and mailing the form below with your check, OR visit our website at italiancenter.net and make a donation using your credit card or Paypal**
- **Donations must be received by May 25 to be eligible for the drawing.** The winner will be selected at random and will be notified by email or telephone.
- **Remember your support is vital to the success of the Italian Center. We are counting on you; the Society is a non-profit organization and all contributions are tax-deductible.**

Make A Legacy Gift to the Italian Center Fund

Insure a legacy gift to the Italian Center Fund through a Stock Transfer, Will or Trust, or from a retirement account like an IRA or 401(k) plan. For more information please contact the Italian Cultural Society at (916) 482-5900 or email at italy1@surewest.net.

Grazie Mille for Your Donations to The Center Fund!

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In honor of Rose Barbano,
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MADLYN CRAVIOTTO
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Savoini, Iorio & Chiese ancestors

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Sacramento Sierra 2 Community Center
2791 24th Street-RM 13, Sacramento CA 95818

ICS EVENTS CALENDARIO

March 30	Spring Language Classes Begin
April 12	Documentary: Italians of San Joaquin
April 17	Film Festival: "Si Può Fare"
April 19	Travel Talk with Patrizia Cerruti
April 26	Author: "Italy, the Embracing Circle"
May 15	Film Festival: "Bianca Come Il Latte..."
May 17	Lecture: "Uffizi Gallery"
May 24	Documentary: "Dean Martin"

FRIDAY NIGHT ITALIAN FILM FESTIVAL

Admission $10 – Refreshments Included

Italian Film is as much a part of Italian culture as the food , the music, and the people. To this day, Italian films continue to inspire and amaze us. Our monthly films celebrate the magic found in these films. Come out and enjoy an evening with family and friends at these feature Friday Night films shown at the Italian Cultural Center, 6821 Fair Oaks Blvd, Carmichael.

Friday, 17 April at 8:00 pm
"SI PUÒ FARE"

("We Can Do That") Nello, a Milanese businessman has lost his job and finds himself managing a cooperative of former mental patients. A strong believer in the dignity of work, Nello encourages every member to learn a trade. In Italian with English subtitles. Set in Milan. (2008)

Friday, 15 May at 8:00 pm
"BIANCA COME IL LATTE. ROSSA COME IL SANGUE"

("White As Milk, Red As Blood") Leo is a typical 16-year-old: he likes to chat with friends, play foosball, joyride on his scooter and listen to his iPod. School is agonizing. Then, a new and 'different' history and philosophy teacher arrives: he encourages the students to live deeply and follow their dreams with amusing, often funny consequences.